(f) if so, the details thereof indi-ating earnings from visitors, from Iidian organisations and fron foreign organisations ;

(g) whether organisation of this lir has helped the industrial activity ind [export performance of the wintry ; and

(h) if so, details thereof and if lot, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The theme of the 14th India Inter-mtional Fair (UTF) held during 4th to 27th November, 1994 related 0 sustainable development. Among ;he highlights of display were echmart—Small and Medium In-lustry Technology; Build-Tech— Building Technology; Knit India— Cnitwear; Watches & Clocks and Toys. Almost all States and Union rerritories and some Central Govern-ent Ministries and Departments ind leading Public Sector Underlakings were among the participants. \ major feature of the Fair related to 'Good Living' which displayed a wide range of consumer products and the participants included hading firms dealing wiih products such as consumer electronic, electrical and home appliances, textile furniture and furnishings, jewellery, cosmetics and so on. In the international sector as many as 130 organisations took part from 19 countries namely Afghanistan, Argentina, China, Japan, Russia, South Africa, U.K., Canada, Singapore, Germany and Italy, etc.

(c) and (d) The norms for participation include the stature of the exhibitor, capacity of manufacturing quality products and marketing experience. The charges for bare space is Rs. 1250/- per sq. mtrs. and US $ 125 for Indian and foreign exhibitors respectively.

(e) and (f) The gross earnings in hs form of space rent received from Indian organisatio-: and foreign organisations partie -ir iting in this fair was Rs. 6.34 crores and the gate money earned at the fair was approx. 81.71 lakhs.

(g) and (h) Yes, Sir. Quite a number of exhibitors/participants have reported substantial business by way of export orders, import deals, joint ventures proposals, domestic sales and sales across the counter.

Drawback on Import of Machinery

745. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the British Trade Minister, Richard Needham leading a British Trade Delegation to India recently, hid said that inspite of the reforms, there were some barriers like high tariff regarding import of machinery or spare parts which made them expensive, besides red tape which leads to avoidable delays;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) As per press reports, the British Trade Minister referred to the continuing concern on the part of British industry about the relatively high tariffs in India and procedural delays.

(c) Government has already embarked upon the process of economic reforms which inter-alia include the reduction of import tariffs and simplification of relevant rules/procedures.